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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, SF (BOPHUTHATSWANA)
SUBJECT: MANGOPE'S PARTY ISSUES ELECTION MANIFESTO

REF: A) PRETORIA 3417, B) PRETORIA 3283

1. SUMMARY: CHIEF MINISTER MANGOPE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY ISSUED AN ELECTION MANIFESTO JULY 12 CALLING FOR A NON-RACIAL DEMOCRACY AND REJECTING THE PRESENT ALLOCATION OF LAND IN BOPHUTHATSWANA. HOWEVER, MANGOPE REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER BOPHUTHATSWANA WOULD ACCEPT INDEPENDENCE IF THE LAND AND CITIZENSHIP ISSUES WERE NOT SETTLED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE BOPHUTHATSWANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, LED BY CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MANGOPE, ISSUED AN ELECTION MANIFESTO JULY 12 ADVOCATING
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A NON-RACIAL DEMOCRATIC BOPHUTHATSWANA AND THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH, A FREE PRESS, AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. THE MANIFESTO SAID THE PARTY TOTALLY REJECTS THE 1936 LAND ACT AS A BASIS FOR PERMANENT DETERMINATION OF HOMELANDS BOUNDARIES AND IS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THE REMOVALS OF PEOPLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "MEANINGLESS LAND CON-SOLIDATION PROPOSALS RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT

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WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH US". THE STATEMENT MADE NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE CITIZENSHIP ISSUE; NOR DID IT SAY IF THE PARTY WOULD ACCEPT INDEPENDENCE IF THE LATTER WAS UNRESOLVED. HOWEVER, AFTER STATING THE PARTY WOULD CONTINUE TO STRIVE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE, THE MANIFESTO SAID IT WOULD PRESS FOR A MORE EQUITABLE SHARING OF LAND EVEN AFTER INDEPENDENCE ON DECEMBER 6.

3. THE SAME DAY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S SECRETARY M.A. KGOMONGOE WAS QUOTED IN "THE WORLD" AS SAYING BOPHUTHATSWANA WILL NOT BECOME INDEPENDENT UNLESS THE SAG GIVES IN TO ITS DEMANDS ON THE CITIZENSHIP AND LAND ISSUES. THE PARTY, HE SAID, IS COMMITTED TO THE LAND CLAIMS AND CITIZENSHIP DEMANDS; BUT HE WAS UNAWARE WHETHER MANGOPE HAD SET A DEADLINE FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY THE SAG. WHEN MANGOPE WAS ASKED BY ONE NEWSPAPER FOR A COMMENT ON THE INDEPENDENCE ISSUE AND THE MANIFESTO, HE INFORMED THEM THAT THE "PRESS OF BUSINESS" WOULD NOT PERMIT HIM TO TALK TO THE PRESS UNTILL THE END OF THE WEEK.

4. COMMENT: THIS LATEST EXAMPLE OF MANGOPE'S AND HIS PARTY'S PUBLIC OBDURACY SEEMS TO FOLLOW THE PATTERN DISCUSSED IN REFTELS. THE LACK OF A SPECIFIC STATEMENT BY EITHER THAT BOPHUTHATSWANA WOULD NOT ACCEPT INDEPENDENCE UNLESS THE CITIZENSHIP AND LAND ISSUES ARE SETTLED, COMBINED WITH THE PLEDGE TO FIGHT FOR MORE LAND AFTER INDEPENDENCE WOULD
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SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THESE STATEMENTS ARE PURELY FOR VOTER CONSUMPTION. THE NEXT ROUND OF VORSTER-MANGOPE TALKS, SCHEDULED FOR LATE JULY, MAY HELP CLARIFY MANGOPE'S INTENTIONS.
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